IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A moving picture playback method of playing back a moving picture ~~including a plurality of frames~~, the method comprising:

forming a first window based on a predetermined software on a display screen;

forming on the first window a second window[[,]] including a moving picture display region which displays the moving picture, as a child window of the first window, ~~and~~ the second window being defined within a range of a display region of the first window and moving in association with movement of the first window with a relative position with respect to the first window;

forming a third window, as a child window of the second window, and within a range of a display region of the second window, the third window moving in association with movement of the second window;

setting the moving picture display region to a shape ~~of a frame~~ according to a shape change of the moving picture, ~~on~~ the moving picture display region being defined within the second window and moving in association with movement of the second window; and

drawing color of the ~~frame, having the shape set on the second window,~~ moving picture on the third window.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 1, further comprising:

setting the shape of the ~~frame~~ moving picture display region again after a pause in the playback.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 1, further comprising:

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forming the first window again after setting of the shape of the ~~frame~~ <u>moving picture</u>

<u>display region</u>.

Claim 4 (Original):  A method according to claim 1, wherein the first window

includes characters and/or a still picture.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended):  A moving picture playback apparatus which plays

back a moving picture ~~including a plurality of frames~~, the apparatus comprising:

an input device configured to input shape information and color information of ~~a~~

~~moving frame of~~ a moving picture;

a window system configured to generate a first window based on software <u>on a</u>

<u>display screen</u>, a second window ~~corresponding to~~ <u>as</u> a child window of the first window ~~and~~

~~superimposed~~ on the first window within a range of a display region of the first window, and

a third window ~~corresponding to~~ <u>as</u> a child window of the second window ~~and superimposed~~

on the second window within a range of a display region of the second window<u>, the second</u>

<u>window including a moving picture display region which displays the moving picture and</u>

<u>moving in association with the first rectangular window with a relative position with respect</u>

<u>to the first rectangular window, and the third window moving in association with movement</u>

<u>of the second window</u>;

a shape setting device configured to set <u>the moving picture display region to</u> a shape

~~of the frame~~ <u>according to a shape change</u> of the moving picture ~~on~~ <u>the moving picture display</u>

<u>region being defined within</u> the second window <u>and moving in association with movement of</u>

<u>the second window</u>;

a drawing device configured to draw color of the ~~frame~~ <u>moving picture</u> on the third

window; and

a controller which controls the shape setting device and the drawing device, according to a message from the window system, to set the shape of the ~~frame~~ moving picture display region on the second window and draw the color of the ~~frame~~ moving picture on the third window.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein in playing back the moving picture the controller instructs the shape setting device to set the shape of the ~~frame~~ moving picture display region and then instructs the drawing device to draw the color of the ~~frame~~ moving picture according to the message from the window system.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein in pausing the playback the controller instructs the shape setting device to set the shape of the ~~frame~~ moving picture display region and then instructs the drawing device to draw the color of the ~~frame~~ moving picture without waiting for the message from the window system.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the setting device instructs the window system to draw the first window again after setting the shape of the ~~frame~~ moving picture display region.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the controller calculates, as a coordinate of an upper left corner of the third window, a reference coordinate relative to a coordinate of an upper left corner of the second window, and uses this reference coordinate to set the shape of the ~~frame~~ moving picture on the second window.

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Claim 10 (Previously Presented): An apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:

a moving picture decoder configured to decode encoded moving picture data including the shape information and the color information and configured to input the shape information and the color information to the shape setting device and the drawing device respectively,

wherein the input device generates the encoded moving picture data.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the shape setting device sends an instruction to the window system and sets the shape of the ~~frame~~ moving picture, based on the shape information on the second window designated by the controller according to the message from the window system.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein predetermined software generates the first window, and

plug-in software of the predetermined software instructs generating of the third window to the window system.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A moving picture playback program recorded on a computer readable medium, the program including:

means for instructing a computer to form a first window on a display screen;

means for instructing the computer to form on the first window a second window[[,]] including a moving picture display region which displays the moving picture, as a child window of the first window, ~~and~~ the second window being defined within a range of a

display region of the first window <u>and moving in association with movement of the first</u>

<u>window with a relative position with respect to the first window</u>;

means for instructing the computer to form a third window, as a child window of the

second window, within a range of a display region of the second window, <u>the third window</u>

<u>moving in association with movement of the second window</u>;

means for instructing the computer to set <u>the moving picture display region to</u> a shape

~~of a frame~~ <u>according to a shape change</u> of the moving picture, ~~on~~ <u>the moving picture display</u>

<u>region being defined within</u> the second window <u>and moving in association with movement of</u>

<u>the second window</u>; and

means for instructing the computer to draw color of the ~~frame, having the shape set on~~

~~the second window,~~ <u>moving picture</u> on the third window.


Claim 14 (Previously Presented):  A program according to claim 13, further

comprising:

means for instructing the computer to set the shape again after pause in the playback.


Claim 15 (Currently Amended):  A program according to claim 13, further

comprising:

means for instructing the computer to form the first window again after setting of the

shape of the ~~frame~~ <u>moving picture display region</u>.


Claim 16 (Currently Amended):  A moving picture playback program recorded on a

computer readable medium, the program including:

means for instructing a computer to input shape information and color information of

~~a frame of~~ a moving picture;

means for instructing the computer to cause a window system to generate a first window based on software on a display screen, a second window ~~corresponding to~~ as a child window of the first window ~~and superimposed~~ on the first window within a range of a display region of the first window, and a third window ~~corresponding to~~ as a child window of the second window ~~and superimposed~~ on the second window within a range of a display region of the second window, the second window including a moving picture display region which displays the moving picture and moving in association with movement of the first window with a relative position with respect to the first window, and the third window moving in association with movement of the second window;

means for instructing the computer to set the moving picture display region to a shape ~~of the frame~~ according to a shape change of the moving picture ~~on~~ the moving picture display region being defined within the second window and moving in association with movement of the second window; and

means for instructing the computer to draw color of the ~~frame~~ moving picture on the third window.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A program according to claim 16, further comprising:

means for instructing the computer in playing back the moving picture to set the shape to the shape setting device and then draw the color of the ~~frame~~ moving picture according to a message of the window system.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A program according to claim 16, further comprising:

means for instructing the computer in pausing in the playback to set the shape to the

shape setting device and then draw the color of the ~~frame~~ <u>moving picture</u> without waiting for

the message from the window system.


Claim 19 (Currently Amended):  A program according to claim 16, further

comprising:

means for instructing the computer to form the first window again after setting the

shape of the ~~frame~~ <u>moving picture display region</u>.


Claim 20 (Currently Amended):  A program according to claim 16, further

comprising:

means for instructing the computer to calculate, as a coordinate of an upper left corner

of the third window, a reference coordinate relative to a coordinate of an upper left corner of

the second window, and to use the reference coordinate to set the shape of the ~~frame~~ <u>moving

picture display region</u> on the second window.